

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

- v. -

SHELLY WASHINGTON,

Defendant.

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ORDER

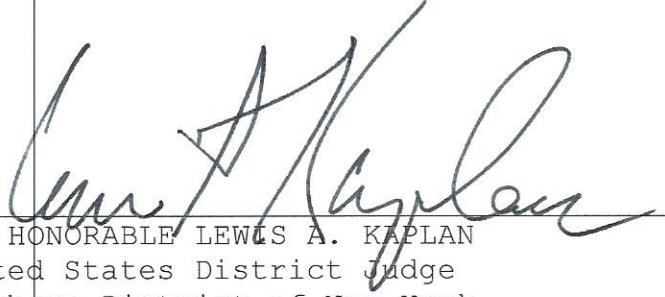
20 Cr. 37 (LAK)

Defendant Shelly Washington seeks to proceed with a change of plea proceeding via video conference instead of a personal appearance in court. In view of the ongoing pandemic, video conferencing has been employed by judges in the Southern District of New York on numerous occasions. This Court finds that any further delay in this proceeding would result in serious harm to the interests of justice. Proceeding by video conference with a change of plea advances Ms. Washington's case and furthers justice without undue delay. See § 15002 (b)(2) of the Coronavirus Air, Relief, and Economic Security ("CARES") Act.

During the change of plea proceeding, the magistrate judge should allocute the defendant on her consent to proceed via video conference as previously stated by her counsel.

SO ORDERED:

Dated: New York, New York
September 18, 2020



THE HONORABLE LEWIS A. KAPLAN
United States District Judge
Southern District of New York